



# The Green Bin

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## UPDATE: Automated Collections and Single Stream Recycling

**It's working!** Since October 5, 2009, when the City of Newton began automated collections and single stream recycling, we have seen a decrease in trash tonnage and an increase in recycling tonnage! Check out the statistics: Our trash tonnage is down 25% and our recycling has increased by 7%.

We compare this years' tonnages to the same months in 2008. We don't use 2009 figures because this is when the Pilot program was running, and we want to make sure we are comparing apples to apples.

This translates to a savings of over \$100,000 as compared to the same period in Fiscal Year 2008. With this continued success,

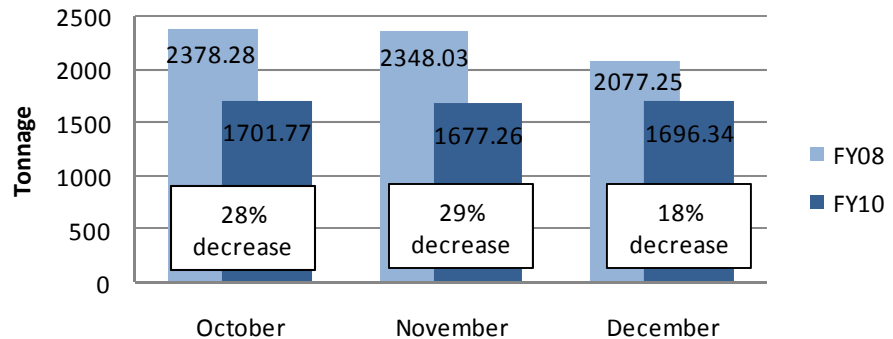
we send 7,000 tons less to the Waste-to-Energy Facility, and increase recycling by 1700 Tons this Fiscal Year!

### How can you help?

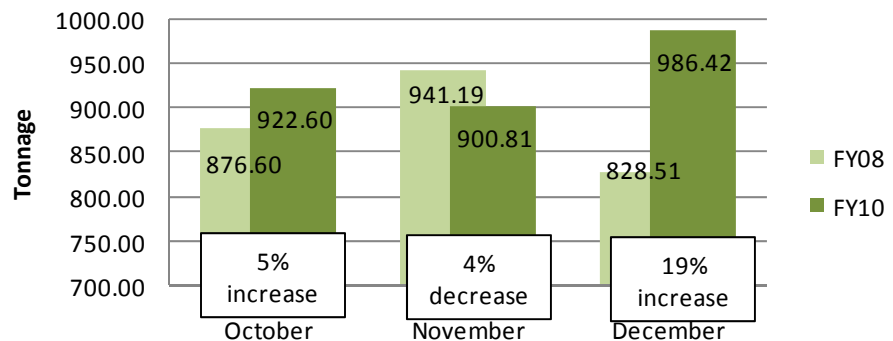
By rethinking how you manage your household trash. Before tossing an unwanted item, consider donation or reuse! We have an extensive listing of reuse and donation opportunities in our "[Recyclopedia](#)"

**Recycle More!** All **recyclable materials** are placed in the same container -- your green cart! All separation will now be done at the recycling processing plant. Simple as ever, just put it all together! Need more recycling capacity? Residents can request additional recycling carts at no extra charge!

### Curbside Trash Tonnage Comparisons



### Curbside Single Stream Recycling Comparisons



## Program Updates...

### Appliance and Electronics Pick Up

If you have a large appliance or an electronic item to dispose of, please contact DPW to schedule a free pick up. Or, you can bring appliances to the Recycling Depot. Computers, TVs and electronics MUST be collected curbside.

### Bulky Items

If you have oversized items that do not fit into your blue trash cart and they cannot be donated or reused, you can receive a free curbside pick up, limit is five (5) items per week. Please call Environmental Affairs by 3:30pm the business day BEFORE your collection day.



### Helpful Links:

[Automated Program Questions](#)

[Single Stream Recycling Guidelines](#)

[The Recycling Depot at Rumford Ave](#)

[Recyclopedia—A-Z guide](#)

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